

# NORTH MONTGOMERYSHIRE LOCAL COUNCIL FORUM

## MINUTES

of a meeting held on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**  
at 7pm in the Town Hall Broad Street Welshpool

### Record of attendance

Present were	From
Cllr Frances Buckingham	Chair & Llandysilio Community Council
Cllr E Bleivas	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr A Bowen	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr H Evans	Welshpool Town Council
Cllr J Hopkins	Castle Caereinion Community Council
Cllr A Walpole	Shropshire Council
Margaret Jerman	Castle Caereinion Community Council
Robert Robinson	Secretary and Welshpool Town Council

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Penny Vengo (Berriew) and Chris Davies (Llandinro & Ardleen and Llandysilio).

### 2. Minutes

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

### 3. Actions since the last meeting

To consider actions taken since the last meeting as follows:

#### A) Recycling Centres

The following response has been received from Nigel Brinn of Powys County Council.

#### i) How much is the contractor at the Welshpool recycling centre paid?

The total payment for the contract for the five Household Waste Recycling Centres is £2.175 million per year.

ii) How much does the Cae Post contract cost and how much will it cost Powys County Council running the service instead? i.e. How much will be saved by this proposal?

The saving following the end of the Cae Post contract will be between £400k and £700k per year through taking this element of the service in house, making operational changes and maximising income from materials collected.

iii) What level of waste goes to recycling and how much is general waste taken to landfill?

For the month of September, the recycling rate was 66%, with a prediction for 2016/17 of 62% taking into account seasonal fluctuations. This equates to approximately 40,900 tonnes recycled and 24,800 disposed of either by landfill or an energy from waste facility each year.

iv) What are the fines for not meeting recycling targets?

The fine is currently £200 per tonne for each tonne below the target. The target for 2016/17 is 58%, comfortably below the projected rate of 62%.

v) Why do the extra bags for waste cost so much to purchase and how many extra rolls of bags are actually purchased by the public?

The bags are priced to encourage the public to recycle as much as possible. We do provide the initial allocation (or wheeled bin) free of charge and residents can have up to three each of the recycling boxes. Since the rollout of three weekly collections in November 2015 we have sold 60 rolls of bags (they are only sold in rolls of 26), which would suggest that residents are managing with the three weekly collections.

vi) What is the estimated increase in flytipping due to the proposed changes?

Where other sites have closed, i.e. Machynlleth, the level of flytipping reported has not increased. Flytipping is of course an illegal activity which few residents will resort to. We will take enforcement action wherever we can find evidence of flytipping.

vii) What carbon footprint calculations have been completed with regards to cars travelling longer distances to any remaining sites?

As part of the consultation we are asking residents how far they travel to sites and also how often they are used. From this we can work out the likely increase in distances travelled.

viii) Is the County Council aware of the car ownership details of the towns and how does this information sit with the changes (i.e. in Welshpool 32% do not have a car to get to the site)?

These sites are primarily for bulky household waste and hence very few users do not arrive by car. Furthermore, the sites are not generally near houses and not easily accessible on foot. If residents are bringing in additional 'black bag' waste on foot we would encourage them to fully utilise the kerbside recycling service so that they are able to manage with the residual kerbside capacity.

**Since the above :** Powys County Council has announced that they are to keep re-cycling centres open for another 12 months. However, the times of opening may change.

### **B) Shrewsbury Telford Hospital**

The meeting received an update on progress towards a decision on the urgent and emergency care centres.

A full survey is being carried out by Welshpool Town Council and the meeting was invited to join. Welshpool will provide the questionnaires for distribution and the web site.

### **4. Cambrian Rail Lines**

The meeting noted the surveys being conducted on the main line in April and August 2017 by Welshpool for the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee and Welsh Government.

The meeting was invited to take part with the questionnaires being available to all local council.

The meeting received an update on Welshpool Station facilities and also on the Rail Franchise 2018.

### **5. Powys County Council and Town/Community Council Liaison**

To note that Powys County Council has withdrawn support for this meeting and therefore it is not proceeding.

The County Council has informed the Secretary that they intend hosting one for the North and South of the County after the elections.

## **6. Wind Farm Developments**

The meeting noted the two larger wind farm applications that have been submitted to Powys County Council.

The transport was discussed now that all the current deliveries have been completed.

## **7. Local service delivery**

The meeting received any news for sharing between Councils as to how taking over of services is going with regards to **Street Scene, Day Centre in Towns, Libraries in rural communities, Car Park charging in rural areas** and regarding **County Budgets**.

## **8. Local Government re-organisation and review**

The meeting received an update on the local government re-organisation and the review of Town and Community Councils (particularly in Powys and Ceredigion). A specific meeting is being held by Powys County Council to inform in March.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

To note the next meeting to be Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017